

## Barton County Democrat.

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### THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

#### WASHINGTON NOTES.

MISS BLANCHE BERARD has sent in her resignation as postmaster of West Point, N. Y. She has held the position since 1858.

The regular cabinet session at the white house on the 16th was principally taken up by two photographers in getting a group picture of the president and his advisers.

It was said at Washington on the 16th that news direct from Madrid, though not official, was to the effect that the Spanish ministry acknowledges Spain's defeat in Cuba and that negotiations would be proposed shortly to the government of the United States looking to an end of the war.

The United States court of appeals has affirmed the verdict of a lower court awarding the government \$9,847 against Francis M. Rhodes, of Hannibal, Mo. The government, it is alleged, had been induced to pay him this sum as a pension for a disease of the eyes thought to have been contracted in the army, when he really suffered from the disease before he entered the service. Rhodes was a private in company K, Forty-Second Missouri volunteer infantry.

CONGRESSMAN OVERSTREET called on President McKinley and entered a protest made by the International Typographical union against the appointment of Harrison G. Otis as first assistant secretary of war because he employs non-union printers on his paper, the Los Angeles Times.

SENATOR WILSON, of Washington, is trying to get the order of President Cleveland setting apart forest reservations in certain states nullified.

The Washington Times on the 17th stated that Judge Lamoreux may make a reply to the strictures passed upon his action in the Chicago lake front cases.

The president has accepted the resignation of Silas W. Lamoreux as commissioner of the general land office.

The interior department has rendered a decision granting to the state of Kansas 7,600 acres of agricultural college lands in lieu of that number of acres of double minimum lands, and the governor of the state will shortly be authorized to make the selection.

H. CLAY EVANS, of Tennessee, has notified the president by letter of his acceptance of the place of commissioner of pensions.

COL. J. H. BRIGHAM, the new assistant secretary of the agricultural department, expressed the opinion on the 20th that the agricultural outlook was very hopeful and that the president, congress and the department would thoroughly co-operate in the interests of the farmers.

A RECENT Washington dispatch stated that Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, may presently formally communicate to the senate and the country the conclusions derived by him from the European trip he recently made in the interest of an international conference.

The senate committee on Indian affairs has under consideration a bill appropriating \$25,000 "for improving the grounds of the battlefield at Lexington, Mo., providing that the ground itself shall be purchased and paid for by the citizens of Missouri."

A PROTEST has been sent, to congress against the removal from the free list of books, educational apparatus, etc. It is signed by President Dwight and all the members of the faculty of Yale university at New Haven, Conn.

#### GENERAL NEWS.

THE American dramatists and managers celebrated the passage of the anti-pirate amendment to the copyright law by a banquet at Delmonico's, New York, on the 30th to the members of congress who helped to pass the bill. Senator Platt, of Connecticut, was one of the principal speakers.

A MOB tried to break into the jail at Scottsboro, Ala., to lynch a negro minister named John Smith, who was confined there for an assault on a woman. All the efforts of the mob to get in, however, were fruitless, but the negro was espied fearfully watching them from his cell window and several men opened fire on him and killed him.

JOHN LEE, a farmer in Grant county, Ok., on his return from a visit to relatives in Missouri, found that his house and barn and all their contents had been stolen from his farm.

JOHN HULL, an employee of the Erie railway at Servia, Ind., shot his wife, the ball entering her throat and passing upward and through her cheek. Hull then turned the revolver upon himself, the bullet going through his head, inflicting a wound which proved fatal. The pair had separated and the husband wanted his wife to live with him again and she refused.

H. McKAY TWOMBLY, son-in-law of the late William H. Vanderbilt and proprietor of a dairy which cost \$2,000,000, has gone into the milk business, to the consternation of the other local milk dealers who sell milk for a living. Mr. Twombly owns the Florham dairy, near Madison, N. J., and the milk dealers of that place complain that they cannot compete with a millionaire dairyman.

MAJ. CHARLES W. F. DICK, of Akron, O., was formally offered the place of secretary of the republican national committee at a salary of \$5,000 per year by Senator Hanna and Maj. Dick accepted.

At Philadelphia on the 20th Edward Gibbons died from the effects of a blow over the heart by Samuel S. Perry during a friendly boxing match and Christian Kielnecker also died as the result of a boxing match with Frank Connolly. Arrests will be made.

JAMISON MCCLURE, a Chickasaw Indian, threw himself in front of a train at Perry, Ok., and was killed. Three years ago he killed Joe Paul on account of the latter's wife, and the deed drove McClure to insanity.

FIRE at Peoria, Ill., destroyed the Conigsky block and damaged the Murphy and Farrell blocks. Loss, \$5,000.

In the case of Joseph R. Dunlop, the Chicago newspaper publisher, the United States supreme court has issued its mandate and Mr. Dunlop will have to serve two years in prison and pay a fine of \$2,000 for violation of the postal laws.

JESSE GARRETT, the wealthiest young man at Dycusburg, Ky., shot himself in the abdomen with a small revolver because his sweetheart refused to kiss him good night. He was reported dying and the girl was prostrated.

THE large flouring mill of Bumble & McKinnett at Lafontaine, Ind., was burned recently and a carload of flour, 8,000 bushels of wheat, 1,000 bushels of corn and 1,000 bushels of chop were destroyed.

THROUGHOUT Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi many lives were reported lost on the 19th through the floods and the railroads were heavy sufferers. It was reported also that the levee at Hill House, Miss., had broken, flooding the farms in that locality.

A MOB of 150 men, which it was reported had been formed for the purpose of lynching James M. Gordy, who was jailed at Georgetown, Del., on the charge of murdering a woman, alleged to be his wife, did not put in an appearance on the night of the 18th. The sheriff had taken the precaution to have the jail strongly guarded.

A WRECK occurred at Laketon junction, Ind., the fast westbound express on the Erie railway crashing into a Wabash locomotive and piling up the engines and express cars in a chaotic mass. Both engines were shattered and part of the express went into the ditch. Only one man was injured.

PATRICK PAINE, proprietor of the Iron Mountain hotel at Monroe, La., on the 19th shot and fatally wounded his wife and made an unsuccessful attempt to kill his little child and James McCabe, a bill collector, and was himself shot and seriously wounded by McCabe. Paine was jealous of his wife.

CAPT. DAY, of the United States army, who recently returned from Japan, reported the death of the crown prince of Japan, who was heir apparent to the throne. The death of the crown prince was being kept secret in Japan.

THE Austrian government received advices on the 18th that the Austrian gunboat Sebenico had sunk a Greek schooner with a cargo of munitions of war and a number of Cretan insurgents on board. The schooner was hailed by the gunboat and the insurgents on board in reply opened fire on the Sebenico, whereupon the latter turned her guns on the schooner and sank her.

TELEGRAMS from all points in the northwest on the 18th indicated that all the rivers had turned to raging torrents. At South Dakota along the Missouri and other rivers the settlers were fleeing. An Omaha, Neb., dispatch said that the Platte river was rushing into the Missouri, carrying with it the debris of wrecked bridges and farm yards in its valley. From Iowa came stories of ice gorges on the Des Moines river at Fort Dodge and Madrid, flooding miles of the bottoms and doing great damage.

At his home in Boston, William T. Adams ("Oliver Optic") was lying in a critical condition on the 18th from a complication of troubles which, combined with a naturally weak heart, had brought about a state from which no hope of recovery was given by his physician.

IGNACIO FRANCISCO DE LA CRUZ GARCIA, who was said to be the oldest man in the United States, died at Los Angeles, Cal., on the 18th, aged 117. He was a Mexican, but came to the United States when he was 25 years of age. He had documents which sustained his claim to such an advanced age.

WHEAT sold for \$1 at St. Louis on the 17th, the highest price paid there during the last six years.

WHILE the gunners of the Russian ironclad Cessoi Veliki were practicing recently at Canea, Crete, a gun burst, blowing the top off a turret. Fourteen men and one officer were killed and 16 were wounded, five fatally.

HEART disease caused the death of John Parshall, of Indianapolis, Ind., on the 17th. He was one of the six men deputed and sworn to dispose of the remains of John Wilkes Booth, the murderer of Abraham Lincoln, in such a manner that the secret of their resting place should never be known.

News from Memphis, Tenn., on the 16th was to the effect that the flood in the Mississippi valley was growing worse. Near Marion, Ark., people were reported to be lined up along the railroad and the waves threatened to sweep them off. Relief committees were doing all they could to rescue the sufferers. Many rumors of wholesale drownings were current.

A LETTER to the London Daily Mail recently said that the emperor of Germany, if not specifically insane, was liable to fits of aberration which, while they lasted, were indistinguishable from madness.

SCOTT JACKSON and Alonzo Walling, dental students, convicted of the murder of Pearl Bryan, were hanged together on a double trap in the jail yard at Newport, Ky., on the 20th.

GEN. J. T. FULLERTON, of St. Louis, was killed in the wreck of the express train near Oakland, Md., on the 20th. He was an officer in the confederate army and was a member of the Chickamauga park commission.

An awful tragedy was enacted on the night of the 20th near Orrick, Ray county, Mo. Bee Rainwater shot his wife, his mother-in-law, his stepdaughter and his brother-in-law and then blew the top of his own head off. All the five are dead. The murderer was said to be of a morose disposition and did not live happily with his wife, frequent separations taking place.

A DISPATCH from Memphis, Tenn., on the 21st stated that many breaks in the levees along the Mississippi river had occurred between that city and Osceola, Ark., and that the rush of the waters at Sans Souci could be heard for miles. In Marion, Ark., all the houses were surrounded by water.

The boiler of the locomotive which was hauling the Chicago and Boston train on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad blew up at Chicago on the 21st, killing the engineer and fireman and completely demolishing the engine.

THE river at Des Moines, Ia., was still rising on the 21st and over 300 houses had been abandoned on account of the overflow.

A DISASTROUS fire occurred at Ottumwa, Ia., on the 21st in a business block on Main street which destroyed property valued at \$180,000.

THE failures for the week ended the 19th in the United States were 216, according to Dun's report, against 261 last year.

DAVE PENNINGTON, of Odebolt, Ia., started out to kill a number of persons who had incurred his enmity. He killed Luther Traver and dangerously shot Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Stolt, and after darsing a policeman who had cornered him to shoot he committed suicide by blowing the top of his head off.

THOMAS J. SHARKEY issued a defi at San Francisco on the 19th. The sailor pugilist claimed that he was the champion of the world and he intended to hold the championship until his colors were lowered. He said he had deposited a forfeit for a bet of \$10,000 and would fight Fitzsimmons, Maher, Goddard or any one else. Sharkey said that he had whipped Corbett and had got the decision over Fitzsimmons and nobody had any better right to the world's championship than he had.

RECENTLY two men entered the home of D. Jones near Wymore, Neb., and frightfully tortured him by burning him to make him tell where his money was. Jones crawled the next morning to a neighbor's house, where he died in horrible agony.

A YOUNG woman, who was descending from a window of a hotel at New York by means of a patent fire escape, lost control of the apparatus and fell to the ground, suffering internal injuries. The inventor of the fire escape was arrested to await the result of the girl's injuries.

NEAR Marion, Ark., Etta Lix and her four children were trying to make their way to Marion for shelter, and while attempting to cross a railroad trestle the strong current caused by the great flood overwhelmed the party and all perished. The oldest child was a girl aged 16 and the youngest an infant of eight months.

THE interstate commerce committee had a meeting at New York to investigate charges preferred against 44 railroads, forming the Joint Traffic association, for alleged discrimination against New York.

THE schooner Hilda came into New York on the 17th bearing four survivors of the steamer Ville de St. Nazaire, which sailed from New York for Port au Prince, Hayti, on the 6th. The men were picked up in a boat and were the only ones living out of 37 souls which had abandoned the Nazaire and taken to the boat. The others had starved, frozen or gone mad and jumped into the sea.

THE big fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons came off at Carson, Nev., on the 17th. The contest was fierce and lasted for 14 rounds, when Fitzsimmons got in a blow over the heart on Corbett and knocked him down. Corbett was unable to rise on time on account of the pain and Referee Siler counted him out and decided that Fitzsimmons had won the fight.

A DISPATCH from Canea on the 18th announced that the blockade of the island of Crete by the fleets of the powers would begin on the 21st, and that a notification to that effect had been addressed to the government at Athens and Constantinople.

A MOB got hold of another negro who was implicated in the murder of Postmaster Barfield and his clerk at Juliette, Fla., and it was said they had drowned him. Three other negroes had been hanged by the mob for the same crime a few days before.

CHARCOAL, the Indian murderer of a mounted policeman, was hanged at McLeod, Man. The Indian gave three whoops as he went up the scaffold stairs and died game.

An explosion of natural gas blew out the front of a house at Muncie, Ind., and Mrs. Mull had her lower limbs burned to a crisp. She pleaded with the firemen to kill her.

#### MURDER MOST FOUL.

Terrible Quilts. Tragedy Enacted Near Orrick, Mo., by Bee Rainwater.

RICHMOND, Mo., March 22.—A terrible tragedy was enacted Saturday evening near the little village of Orrick in Ray county, Mo. Bee Rainwater, a farmer of morose and jealous disposition, cruelly murdered his wife, his mother-in-law, one of his wife's children by a former marriage and a step-brother and then made a good ending of his awful work by blowing out his own brains.

The Rainwaters and the Artmans live within a quarter of a mile of each other near the bank of the Missouri river, about three miles south of Orrick. Last week Mrs. Artman became ill and sent for her daughter, Mrs. Rainwater, to come and stay with her. Saturday night Rainwater went over from his place to the Artman house to visit his wife and children. Rainwater was annoyed by some dogs barking in the orchard and said to Thurman: "Johnny, let's kill those dogs."

Thurman took a shotgun and Rainwater a revolver and they left the house. When they had gone about 50 yards Rainwater, without having said a word, stepped behind Thurman and placing the revolver to his head sent a bullet crashing through his brain. Madded by this first taste of blood, Rainwater hurried back to the house where his unsuspecting victims were all in bed. Rainwater brought back with him the gun young Thurman had taken out, and with it and a revolver he mercilessly killed his wife and his mother, and Fanny Gentry, his stepdaughter. For some unaccountable reason he spared Mr. Artman and the younger Artman girl. Walking into the front room of the house the murderer coolly reloaded both barrels of his gun and went out into the orchard again. Here he met Thurman, still alive, and crawling toward the house. He fired two more shots into Thurman's brain, and then going a few feet further, he leaned against the fence of the orchard and, placing the muzzle of the gun against his head, blew out his own brains.

Rainwater and his wife did not live happily together, and during their married life frequent separations had taken place. The murderer was a man of peculiar temperament and of few words. He did not get along well with his neighbors, and to many of them, with whom he had quarreled, he had not spoken for years.

#### TO AID AGRICULTURE.

The McKinley Administration Will Do All It Can to Help Farmers.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Col. J. H. Brigham, the new assistant secretary of agriculture, expressed the opinion to-day that the agricultural outlook was very hopeful and that the president and congress and the department would thoroughly co-operate in the interests of the farmers. He said:

The administration will in every way possible encourage the diversification of crops and make a determined effort to secure the growing in the United States of everything needed here which it is possible to raise. We are now buying large quantities of sugar, wool, eggs, hides, beans, barley, potatoes and other products, while all these things are almost everything that we need for ourselves and should be grown here. There is too much of overproduction of corn and other products. If the farmers enter on this policy of diversification they will reduce these unprofitable big areas and products and so avoid a surplus to bear down the market, and then they will get more for their cereals, etc., than they get now. If this year's crop were only one-half of what it is there would be much more money for the farmers. The president will make the agricultural interest one of the first things to be considered in his administration and he will see that it is properly protected and fostered. Whatever our views are we will not combat congress. The discovery of new and rare seeds will be encouraged and their efficacy tried in various climates and the farmers properly advised. We will furnish to the people choice and rare seeds anyway, but whether to distribute seeds generally is a matter for congress to determine, and if that body wants it done the department will do it, and whatever is provided for will be performed.

#### MR. GARY'S ASSISTANTS.

The Men Selected Who Will Have Charge of Uncle Sam's Postal Affairs.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The appointment of third assistant postmaster-general has been decided upon. It goes to John M. Farquhar, of Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Farquhar was in the Fifty-First congress with President McKinley. He is a printer by occupation. This makes the post office force complete. Perry S. Heath, the first assistant postmaster-general, took charge Saturday. W. S. Shellenbarger, of Pennsylvania, is to be second assistant, J. M. Farquhar third assistant and J. L. Bristow, of Kansas, fourth assistant.

Mr. Bristow is about 40 years old, and a newspaper man, who has been interested in politics most of his life. For a number of years he was chairman of the republican state central committee of Kansas and was private secretary to Gov. Morrill. The work of appointing postmasters of the fourth-class will be resumed immediately upon Mr. Bristow's assuming office. Pending the new appointment, no fourth-class postmasters have been appointed since the change of administration.

to Allow Second Homesteads. WASHINGTON, March 22.—Senator Pettigrew's bill to grant settlers the right to make second homestead entries is of the greatest importance to the west, inasmuch as it will not only permit those who have forfeited past entries, but have perfected them by commutation, to enter any quarter section precisely as if they had not exhausted their rights.

#### PROPHECIES WHICH FAILED.

"The railways will never be of any use for the transport of goods," said M. Thiers, and he led a large chorus.

"Italy is but a geographical expression, and will never be anything else," said Prince Metternich, and just before he died he saw what he considered Utopia on the verge of becoming a reality.

Aristotle said that slavery would last forever, or until the shuttle would weave of its own accord. This is a double mistake, for slavery is abolished, and thanks to invention the shuttle may be said to work of its own accord.

"Before 50 years are over all Europe will be either republican or Cossack," prophesied Napoleon I. in the first decade of this century. At the end of nearly a hundred years Europe is no more republican than ever and the Cossacks have no more power.

"The United States of Europe," was the prediction of all ardent democrats from Victor Hugo to Carlo Cattaneo, and its fulfillment was to take place at the downfall of the Napoleonic empire. It is 25 years since then, and the states of Europe are more disunited than ever.

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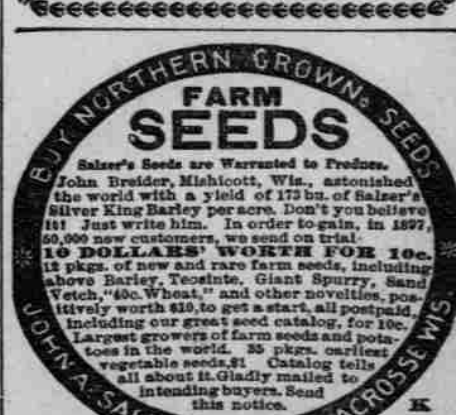


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